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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed, are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

This submission does not represent that search has been made or that information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b), or that information cited is, or is considered to be “prior art” within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, or that information cited has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended. Applicant reserves the right to establish that any information cited is not “prior art”, and that the date of publication indicated for a cited item is in fact

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3.  Any copy of the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement was previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in multiple applications as follows:

Serial No. 09/516,753 filed 03/01/2000

Serial No. 09/795,794 filed 02/28/01

Serial No. 09/864,389 filed 05/25/01

Serial No. 09/864,160 filed 05/25/01

Serial No. 10/040,789 filed 01/09/02

Serial No. 10/236,144 filed 09/06/02

Serial No. 10/619,837 filed 07/14/03

Serial No. 10/757,805 filed 01/14/04

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- b. the fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) which is paid as set forth in paragraph 11 below.

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- a.  37 C.F.R. § 1.313(b)(3) or § 1.313(c)(1), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement may render at least one claim unpatentable and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue and fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h);
- b.  37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) or § 1.313(c)(3), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is to be considered in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) or a Continuation application upon abandonment of the instant application and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue and fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).
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**Remarks**

Applicant hereby submits the attached supplemental information disclosure statement pursuant to the recent Federal Circuit opinion in McKesson Info. Solutions, Inc. v. Bridge Med., Inc., 487 F. 3d 897 (Fed. Cir. 2007), and the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Pursuant to McKesson, the references contained in the supplemental information disclosure statement include Official Action(s) and Notice(s) of Allowance from co-pending related applications. The supplemental information disclosure statement also includes prior art not previously cited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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